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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Jeff Kimble  
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Dear Mr. Kimble:

SUBJECT: Wolverine Worldwide Tannery, 123 North Main Street, Rockford, 49341, and House Street Disposal Area, 1855 House Street, Plainfield Township, 49306, Kent County, Michigan; Applicable, Relevant, and Appropriate Requirements (ARAR)

This letter is in response to your December 27, 2017, request that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) identify all ARARS in regards to the proposed cleanup at the subject site. As described in your letter, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing a time critical removal action to mitigate the potentially imminent and substantial threat to public health, welfare, and the environment posed by the presence of hazardous substances at the Wolverine Worldwide former Tannery site and the House Street Disposal Area.

The anticipated response activities for an EPA action memorandum should comply with the state regulations governing the following:

1. The DEQ cleanup criteria found in Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), and the Part 201 Administrative Rules. Including, but not limited to:
  - a. Section 324.20114,
  - b. Section 324.20114c,
  - c. Section 324.20120,
  - d. Section 324.20120a, and
  - e. Section 324.20120c
2. Protection of natural resources found in Part 17, Environmental Protection, of the NREPA, and the Part 17 Administrative Rules.
3. Waste handling regulations found in Part 111 and Part 115, of the NREPA, and the Part 111 and Part 115 Administrative Rules. Including, but not limited to:
  - a. Rule 302 and 303 of the Part 111 Rules, and

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b. Section 324.12103

4. Protection of waters of the State found in Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the NREPA, and the Part 31 Administrative Rules.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,



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